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# FOREIGN AND INSULAR

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## AUSTRALIA.

### SYDNEY—Examination of Rats for Plague Infection.

The following information was taken from the bulletins issued by the department of public health of New South Wales:

During the month of April, 1911, there were destroyed 7,286 rats, of which 2,522 were examined. No plague-infected rat was found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909.

The last plague-infected rat was found April 25, 1910.

## AUSTRIA.

### TRIESTE—Cholera on Steamship.

Consul de Martini reports, July 3, the occurrence of a second case of cholera on the steamship *Oceania*.

A fatal case of cholera on this vessel was reported June 26. The steamship *Oceania* arrived at Trieste June 24 from New York via Naples.<sup>1</sup>

## CHINA.

### HONGKONG—Plague Rats Found.

Surg. Brown reports the finding of 5 plague-infected rats during the two weeks ended May 23.

## CUBA.

### Transmissible Diseases.

The following statement of transmissible diseases in the island of Cuba was issued by the national department of sanitation:

MAY 20-30, 1911.

	New cases.	Deaths.	Remaining under treatment.
Tuberculosis.....	74	102	2,391
Leprosy.....	1	.....	355
Malaria.....	22	3	108
Typhoid fever.....	31	10	79
Diphtheria.....	23	2	19
Scarlet fever.....	14	1	18
Measles.....	117	5	231
Varicella.....	14	1	43
Tetanus in the new born.....	11	11	.....
Filariasis.....	.....	.....	2

No quarantinable diseases were reported in the island during the week ended June 24.

<sup>1</sup> Public Health Reports, June 30, 1911, p. 1038.